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COASTAL SECURITY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coastal security apparatus on the coast of Karnataka State is inadequate to control the insurgency of terrorists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to strengthen the Coast Guard in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Government has accorded top priority to coastal security for the entire country, including that of the State of Karnataka, by way of increased coastal surveillance and deployment of assets of both Navy and Coast Guard. The intelligence-sharing mechanism has been streamlined through the creation of Joint Operation Centres and multi-agency coordination mechanism. Joint and operational exercises are taking place on regular basis among the Navy, the Coast Guard, Coastal State Police and Customs in order to check the effectiveness of the integrated approach adopted for ensuring coastal security. Further, strengthening of the Indian Coast Guard, both in terms of assets and manpower, is an important ongoing process.